# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:334
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2016
Commercial Coal Mining
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy;Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)
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